

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2001**

**Members Present:**

Dr. Garth Gemar (Chairman)	Therese Dunn
Dr. Toni Brophy	Jan Hauk
Dr. Kay Lewis	Richard Kunz
Dr. Jim McLaughlin	Ed Neville
Wes Powell	Marilyn Price
Mark Venuti	Dr. Michael Ward
Bob Ramsey	Roy Ryals
Patty Seneski	Nancy Shaver
Terry Shine	Gitti Silven
Charlie Smith	Mark Stroh
Dr. Michel Sucher	Sgt. Richard Thacher
Dr. Peter Vann	Dr. Robert Vavrick

**BEMS Staff Present:**

Victor Dominguez	Larry Lorenzen
Lorenzo Henry	Betty Yunick
Dona Marie Markley	Larry Bednarek
Sarah Penttinen	Peggy Lahren
Karen Nelson	Stephen Hise
Susan Nicolas	Donna DeSimone
Robin Clark	

**Members Absent:**

Pat Andrews  
Dr. Richard Carmona  
David Cheney  
Harold Nystedt  
Dave Samuels  
J. Marty Dernier

**Guests Present:**

Jim Morgan  
Scott Butler  
Jim Roeder  
Barbara Glickman-Williams  
Gene Zehring  
Ken Johnson  
Kathy Stelfox  
Stephen Powles  
Brian Smith  
Janine Anderson  
Taylor Payson  
Robert Evans  
John Gallagher  
Jim Hayden

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Dr. Gemar. A quorum was present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Wes Powell, seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the minutes of October 27, 2000. Motion carried.

**III. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES**

Dr. Gemar presented Dr. Robert Vavrick with his certificate. Dave Samuels was not present to receive his. Dr. Gemar welcomed Dr. Toni Brophy back to the committee after her illness.

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dr. Gemar gave a committee membership report (a copy of the Chairman's Report is available

through the Bureau). Dr. Gemar reported that the Governor's office had called on January 23, 2001 and said that these members that were submitted for reappointment were signed by the Governor:

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| 1. Gitti Silven         | 8. Jan Hauk            |
| 2. Dr. Robert Vavrick   | 9. Dr. Richard Carmona |
| 3. Dr. James McLaughlin | 10. Dr. Kay Lewis      |
| 4. Dr. Michael Ward     | 11. Wes Powell         |
| 5. Dr. Michel Sucher    | 12. Marilyn Price      |
| 6. David Cheney         | 13. Therese Dunn       |
| 7. Charlie Smith        | 14. Mark Stroh         |

#### **Miscellaneous Updates**

1. **H.B. 2509 for the EMSCOM System Upgrade and Enhancement**  
Dr. Gemar reported on the current status of the EMSCOM funding and discussed legislative bills that effect the Bureau of EMS.
2. **Arizona Ambulance Association Conference (AAA)** - Dr. Gemar reported that they had their meetings in Laughlin. Roy Ryals was elected president of the association. The association discussed the new Medicare fee schedule, regulations and legislative activity.
3. **Arizona Fire District Association Conference (AFDA)** - Dr. Gemar reported that they had their meetings in Laughlin. Jan Hauk was reelected as president of the association. Jan Hauk thanked Dr. Gemar for being a speaker at their conference and also thanked the Bureau for their support at the AAA Conference and AFDA Conference.
4. **APS Communications Committee** - Stephen Powles attended the meeting and reported that they had given more results from a survey of law enforcement, fire service, and EMS providers.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Conflict of Interest/Disclosure Document** - This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.

Follow up: Tabled  
When: Next meeting - April 27, 2001

- B. **Rules Status Report** - Dona Markley gave a Rules Status Report. On February 6, 2001 the ground ambulance rules will be presented to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council for approval. Dr. Gemar publicly recognized Dona Markley for getting the project together. The Director, Catherine Eden, has expedited the process. Jacque Holladay was also recognized for her tremendous work on the project.

Bob Ramsey recommended dividing the rules that need to be reviewed for the 5-year rules review process into two categories called functional and statutory rules. Dr. Gemar recommended putting together coherent before and after packages. Roy Ryals asked if the CON rules are going to be changed. There is no intent of the department to change the CON rules.

Dr. Brophy requested the changes that have been made on the rules previously by the EMS Council. Dona Markley will send her the updated version.

**C. Approval of Sternal Intraosseous Infusion Curriculum**

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Vavrick to accept the curriculum with two changes to add "Sternal" and "In Adults" to the titles on pages 1 and 11. Should read "Curriculum for the Sternal Intraosseous (IO) Infusion of Fluids and Medications In Adults." Motion Carried.

**D. RSI/MAI Amendments -** Dr. Gemar recognized Dr. Brophy, Dr. Gallagher and everyone in the work group for the work that they have done.

Correction on Page 2 - #2 Suburban - under Municipality/Region add Gilbert Fire Dept. - under Oversight - Gilbert EMS Medical Director.

#3 Rural - under Municipality/Region add Guardian Ambulance - under Oversight Dr. Robert Vavrick Flagstaff Medical Center.

Dr. Gemar asked Gene Zehring to make the change in the letter and give to Dr. Gemar.

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Brophy to accept the Competency Based Instruction Outline (curriculum) for the Medication Assisted Intubation Pilot Project.

A friendly amendment was accepted by Dr. Lewis to change page 3 of 5 (Item VI A. #7) to add (optional). This would have the effect of making instruction on the Combitube optional.

After discussion the Motion Carried.

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the Director that the pilot project be implemented as designed, with paramedic education to begin immediately upon the O.K. of the Director with actual use of the technique to begin at such time designated by the Director in consultation with the Medical Direction Commission. Motion Carried

**E. Emergency Cardiac Care Course**

A motion was made by Charlie Smith, seconded by Mark Venuti to accept the curriculum as it is written.

A friendly amendment was accepted by Charlie Smith and Mark Venuti to change page 9 VII. B - to take out "ACLS" on the curriculum. Motion Carried.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Emergency Cardiac Care Rule Changes**

**(1) Clinical and Vehicular Experience**

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Bob Ramsey to accept rules changes in Attachment #2. Motion Carried.

**B. Alternative Destination For Emergency Medical Patients**

Discussion ensued regarding the rule changes to allow Alternative Destination Facilities for Emergency Medical Patients.

A motion was made by Wes Powell, seconded by Dr. Vavrick to approve the rule changes.

A friendly amendment was made by Wes Powell, seconded by Bob Ramsey to remove the word licensed, add receiving in each place that was struck, and add R9-10-115 to the definition in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page 3. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bob Ramsey, seconded by Roy Ryals to amend the motion to be an Emergency Rule-Making Process. Motion Carried.

**C. Pediatric Emergency for Prehospital Providers "PEPP" Course**

Ken Johnson explained the 3 levels of pediatric training. A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Gitti Silven to accept the curricula as optional teaching tools for EMS personnel. Motion Carried.

**D. US Dot Paramedic Curriculum**

A motion was made by Charlie Smith, seconded by Terry Shine to accept the proposed changes to the US Dot Paramedic Curriculum. (Pages 1 and 2) Motion Carried.

**E. "Calcium Gluconate Gel Pilot Study Curriculum"**

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. McLaughlin to accept the supplied documents as sufficient for a teaching curriculum for the scope of this pilot project. Motion Carried.

**F. Course Absences**

A motion was made by Dr. McLaughlin, seconded by Dr. Vavrick to approve the rule for a EMT Basic Refresher Course maximum absence hours of 4 hours.

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dr. McLaughlin, seconded by Dr. Brophy to have the maximum number of absences or tardiness to not exceed 8 hours in a paramedic or advanced level refresher or challenge course. Motion Carried.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Education Committee** - Kay requested that if you want to review the intermediate curriculum (didactic, clinical, vehicular, etc) you must let her know.
- B. Rules Committee** - Dona Markley gave a Rules status report.
- C. Budget Committee** - Wes Powell gave a budget report. The next meeting will be held on the Thursday, April 5, 2001. Dr. Brophy would like to be on the committee.

**VIII. REGIONAL REPORTS**

- A. Central** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
- B. Southern** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
- C. Western** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
- D. Northern** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Recommended having the Bureau look into the possibility of having the requirement for agencies to pay sales tax waived or having sales tax on medical and rescue equipment eliminated.

Follow up: Dr. Garth Gemar

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Victor Dominguez introduced Larry Bednarek to the committee.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for April 27, 2001.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Approved by EMS Council on 4/27/01